

Governor's Family Violence Council Meeting
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Heather Amador for Interim Executive Director Justice Schisler
Reverend Lawrence Crabtree
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.
Pamela Manning
John McGinnis for Secretary Mohammed Choudhury
Lisa Nitsch
Molly O'Hara for Senator Mary Beth Carozza
Leslye Orloff
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill
Laure Ruth, Esq.
David Shultie
Captain Brian Smith for Superintendent Colonel Roland Butler
David Wolinski for Secretary Carolyn Scruggs

Guests:

Jacob Aylward, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
Kazeem Anifowoshe, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
Stephanie Erdice, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Melanie Shapiro, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Erin Wilkins, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Marianne Camino

I. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves.

II. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Updates

Ms. Allyn announced that Dorothy Lennig has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. Justice Schisler has also returned to the Office in the role of Director of Programs and Grants.

Ms. Allyn shared that the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\) Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) was posted last week and a technical assistance call will be held on July 18 at 1 p.m. Applications are due on August 28. The Office is working on the NOFAs for the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPS) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) applicants will be notified of award or denial within the next week.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 2023 Council meeting minutes were provided to members and guests. Ms. Nitsch made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Ruth seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence GIS Hub Dashboard

Mr. Anifowoshe and Mr. Aylward provided members with a presentation on the [GIS Hub Dashboard](#). The redesigned mapping dashboards provide domestic violence service providers with a one-stop-shop for housing, resources, and services in Maryland. Mr. Anifowoshe shared plans to expand the dashboard to include a client-facing portal for employment services.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Workgroup

Of the seven programs that applied for certification, five programs were recertified. The workgroup met last month and continued discussions on moving forward with the MOU format, researching absence policies, and planning to develop a graphic to outline the certification process. AIP site visits will be scheduled for later this year and Ms. Allyn will share the schedule with members once finalized.

b. Abusers Not Meeting Conditions of Court Orders Workgroup

The workgroup plans to submit a second data request to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services regarding AIP violations later this summer.

c. Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Workgroup

Ms. Orloff shared that the survey for programs that work with immigrant survivors was distributed to identify gaps in services, areas for training, and legislative priorities. The survey garnered 40 responses. Ms. Orloff and the workgroup members are currently reviewing the responses.

d. Stalking Prevention Workgroup

Ms. Feinstein shared that the workgroup plans to reconvene in September as they continue to identify gaps in the stalking laws, and stalking laws that do not relate to intimate partner stalking. The workgroup will also continue to collect stalking data and information.

e. Survivor Advisory Workgroup

Ms. Agbeyegbe and Ms. Allyn shared that the workgroup is now planning to hold focus groups with survivors in September/October. Ms. Allyn will resubmit the authorization

for stipends for the focus group participants. The workgroup is planning to honor survivors at the next Council meeting in October. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

VI. Old/New Business

- The October 11th Council meeting will be held in person at the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. The meeting information is below.
- Ms. Ruth shared information that the [Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Oregon's ban on recording people in public without their consent](#). Ms. Ruth shared that there are efforts in Annapolis to change wiretap/recording laws. Maryland is currently a two party consent state and there are efforts to change to a one party consent exception related to domestic violence. Members will be updated as efforts progress.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:03 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032